

# HEROINE

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## CHAPTER TWENTY-EIGHT

# STYLE OVER SUBSTANCE

LONG-TERM EXPOSURE TO DRY  
HEAT ENABLES THE BANK ROBBING  
VAPE TO TRANSFORM HIS PHYSICAL  
BODY INTO VAPOR...



...BUT HIS FANTASTIC  
ABILITIES HAVE NO EFFECT  
ON THE CANVAS SACKS  
FULL OF STOLEN MONEY.

IN OTHER WORDS,  
ESCAPING FROM  
SUPER EGO IS  
EASY--





--BUT IF HE WANTS THE  
CASH, HE'S GOING TO  
HAVE TO FIGHT FOR IT.



**-GHHNNNN!**

SUPER POWERS  
HAVE RULES.



YOU  
GET POINTS  
FOR TRYING,  
SUPER EGG...



AND HE WANTS  
THAT MONEY.



...BUT I



GRADE ON  
A CURVE.











SKRUMMEL







"...WHERE VAPE WAS  
ABLE TO ESCAPE  
THE SUPER POWERED  
JUSTICE OF SUPER  
EGO."



ACTUALLY,  
I STOPPED  
THE BANK  
FROM BEING  
ROBBED.

BUT  
THE BAD  
GUY GOT  
AWAY.



ALL THE  
MONEY WAS  
RETURNED TO  
THE BANK AND  
NO ONE WAS  
HURT.

THERE'S  
THAT SUPER  
EGO AGAIN,  
ISN'T IT, SUPER  
EGO...?





FREUD DEFINED THE  
SUPEREGO AS THE  
ETHICAL COMPONENT  
OF THE PERSONALITY--

--THE PART THAT EVALUATES  
THE MORAL STANDARDS OF  
RIGHT AND WRONG BY WHICH  
THE SELF OPERATES.

THE CONSCIENCE.

...AND WHY  
DO YOU WEAR  
A MASK? WHAT  
ARE YOU  
HIDING?



IF YOU BELIEVE  
IN FREUD



THE MEDIA  
WOULDN'T ASK  
THOSE STUPID-  
ASS QUESTIONS  
IF SUPER EGO  
WAS A MAN.



YOUR  
COSTUME IS  
FANTASTIC! TELL  
US, WHO ARE YOU  
WEARING?

A  
TALENTED

YOUNG  
DESIGNER--



--SO  
GREAT  
TO WORK  
WITH.

ZOE  
PORTER FOR  
HEROINE  
CHIC!

IN  
BROOKLYN,  
THIS IS ENDO DIAZ  
FOR CHANNEL  
16 NEWS, WITH  
SUPER EGO--



\*--LOOKING

LIKE A BAG  
OF MONEY."

**LATER.**

ARTISTS IN BROOKLYN  
HAVE MOVED DEEPER INTO  
BED-STUY, WHERE RENTS  
ARE STILL AFFORDABLE.

ZOE OPENED THE HEROINE CHIC  
DESIGN STUDIO HERE BECAUSE  
SHE CAN WALK TO WORK...

I THINK  
TOO MANY  
WOMEN GET  
CAUGHT UP TRYING  
TO FULFILL THE MALE  
EXPECTATION OF  
WHAT A "COSTUME"  
IS SUPPOSED TO  
LOOK LIKE--

--JUST ONE  
MORE.

HEROINE  
Chic



...AND BECAUSE HER  
SUPER-HERO CLIENTS  
DON'T CARE ABOUT A  
ROUGH NEIGHBORHOOD.



triggerme  
Brooklyn



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ZOE OWNS THE HEROINE CHIC  
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--YOU CAN FIND HER  
ON INSTAGRAM AT  
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--I WANT SOMETHING  
FUN AND COMFORTABLE.  
SOMETHING I WANT  
TO WEAR EVERY DAY.  
SOMETHING THAT  
SCREAMS "I'M  
TRIGGER."

THAT'S  
GREAT.  
I LOVE  
THAT.

WHAT  
DO YOU  
THINK ABOUT  
**CULOTTES?**



ZOE CAN'T AFFORD  
AN ASSISTANT, SO SHE  
HAS SILVERMAN...

...A SENIOR AT PARSONS  
GETTING SCHOOL CREDIT  
FOR AN UNPAID INTERNSHIP.



--DURING THE  
FRENCH REVOLUTION,  
CULOTTES WERE WORN BY  
THE WEALTHY AND BECAME  
A SYMBOL OF THE  
UPPER CLASS AND  
OPPRESSION.

RIGHT-  
RIGHT-RIGHT.  
BUT THIS IS  
BROOKLYN.

AND  
I'M TALKING  
ABOUT A  
LONGER, SPLIT  
SKIRT.





TODAY IS HIS  
FIRST DAY.

I HAVE  
SOME OTHER  
IDEAS IN  
HERE...

WOULD YOU  
LIKE SOME  
TIRAMISU?

I  
CAN'T EAT  
THAT.





TRIGGER IS VERY  
LIBERAL, BUT SHE  
REMAINS LACTOSE  
INTOLERANT.

WHAT  
ABOUT A  
CAPE?

Y'KNOW...  
WOW. CAPES  
ARE HARD.

HARD--?





--ARE YOU  
SAYING YOU  
DON'T KNOW HOW  
TO MAKE A CAPE?  
OR ARE YOU  
CALLING ME  
FAT?

THAT'S  
NOT WHAT  
I SAID.



THAT'S REALLY NOT  
WHAT SHE SAID.

THEY'RE  
JUST  
NOT REALLY  
FUNCTIONAL

FUNCTIONAL...  
THEY GET IN  
THE WAY, THEY  
RUIN THE LINE  
OF THE--

--BECAUSE  
I LIKE THE  
IDEA OF A  
CAPE.



IN FACT,  
I LIKE THE IDEA  
OF WEARING ONLY  
A CAPE. I'M NOT  
ASHAMED OF MY  
BODY...

...I  
DON'T HAVE

DON'T HAVE  
ANYTHING TO  
HIDE.



I THINK  
THE WORLD  
SHOULD SEE ME  
NAKED, FRAMED BY A  
BEAUTIFUL, FLOWING,  
BILLOWY CORTEX  
CAPE.

A POST-MODERN  
BOTTICELLI.

WE CAN  
MAKE IT THE  
SAME COLOR AS  
MY BUSH--

--OR IS  
THAT TOO  
MATCHY-  
MATCHY?



ZOE NEEDS TRIGGER'S  
BUSINESS. SHE NEEDS  
THE MONEY AND SHE  
NEEDS THE EXPOSURE.



BUT ZOE ALSO HAS  
TO STAY TRUE TO WHO  
SHE IS AS A DESIGNER.

DYNA CUFF WOULD FIND  
A WAY TO CHANGE THE  
CLIENT'S MIND.

Y'KNOW,  
TRIGGER...I  
DON'T THINK I'M  
THE RIGHT  
DESIGNER FOR  
YOU.





EXCUSE  
ME?

I'M NOT  
DYNA.

I'M  
JUST STARTING  
OUT, AND FOR A  
WOMAN AT YOUR  
LEVEL, YOU'RE  
PROBABLY BETTER  
SERVED BY A MORE  
EXPERIENCED  
HOUSE--

--LIKE LIMBRA  
LANGOUSTINE.  
SHE'S GREAT!  
THANK YOU SO  
MUCH FOR THE  
OPPORTUN--





--ARE  
YOU TELLING  
ME TO GO  
AWAY?

I'M  
SAYING, I  
DON'T DO CAPES.  
SO I DON'T THINK  
I CAN GIVE YOU  
WHAT YOU  
WANT.





TRIGGER CAN'T  
CONTROL HER  
POWERS. MEDITATION,  
CBT, HYPNOSIS. SHE'S  
TRIED EVERYTHING.



**I  
DON'T  
FEEL**



**SAFE!**

WHenever powerful emotions force her to relive previous trauma--

--like in school, when she got a B on a paper she worked really hard on...

...her pupils dilate, her heartbeat quickens, and a clammy sweat breaks out on the back of her neck.



**GRRRHHH!**



OH, SHIT.



# BURSTING AT THE SEAMS

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